Fire safety of conference centre

3624. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Delhi Fire Service, India's premier conference centre, where VIPs are invited frequently, is without a fire safety mechanism;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in April, 1990, following a major fire, Government had asked CPWD to restore the building that was not equipped with the safety mechanism; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) No, Sir. India's premier conference centre, the Vigyan Bhavan, is fully equipped with the necessary fire safety mechanism duly cleared by Chief Fire Officer, Delhi.

(b) Renovation of the building was carried out during 1991-92 after the fire incident which included the fire safety mechanism as per recommendtions of the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi in accordance with fire safety norms and NoC was issued by the Chief Fire Officer.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

Jhuggies on Government Land

3625. SHRI MANGALA KISAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which a large number of jhuggies have come up on Government land in CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) whether the present CPWD officials are involved in setting these jhuggies;

(c) the action Government proposes to take to remove these jhuggies; and

(d) the action contemplated against the said CPWD officials?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) There are no jhuggies within CPWD Colony at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, as such.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Kolkata under Water Metro Project

3626. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is indifferent to the previously announced Kolkata under water Metro-Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a lack of coordination among the two Ministries of the Union Government and the State Government in connection with this project; and

(d) the detals thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Union Government had earlier approved on 30.7.2008 the implementation of East-West Metro corridor project in Kolkata covering a length of 13.77 km. from Howrah Railway Station to Salt Lake

Sector-V at a total estimated cost of Rs. 4676 crore by Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (KMRCL). The Union Government has further approved on 19.2.2009 the extension of the alignment by about 900 metres and shifting of Howrah terminal point to Howrah Maidan and dropping of Bowbazar Station at a revised completion cost of Rs. 4874.58 crore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Central Assistance

3627. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding various sectors, utilities, amenities in which Central assistance is being given during 2004-2009.

(b) whether his Ministry provides financial assistance to States for civil facilities, bathroom, urinals, etc. for women in various cities; and

(c) if so, the details of total assistance given to various States during financial year 2004-05 to 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) The details of various sectors, utilities and amenities under the schemes of this Ministry in which Central assistance is being given during 2004-2009 are as under :-

(i) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) :- Government of India as launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005 which envisages an assistance of Rs. 50,000 crore over the Mission period of 7 years (2005-12).

Ministry of Urban Development is entrusted to implement the Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of JNNURM in selected 65 Mission cities. Also, the Ministry is entrusted to implement the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) which is a subcomponent of JNNURM for all other towns and citeis.

This JNNURM subsumed the schemes of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) and Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) in its UIDSSMT and UIG components respectively.

The admissible components under the schemes are as under ;-

- Urban Renewal *i.e.* redevelopment of inner (old) city areas - this would include items like widening of narrow streets, shifting of industrial/commercial establishments from non-conforming (inner-city) to conforming (outer-city) areas to reduce congestion, replacement of old and worn-out water pipes by new/higher capacity ones, renewal of sewerage/drainage/solid waste disposal systems, etc.
- Water Supply (including de-salination plants) and sanitation.
- Sewerage and Solid Waste Management;
- Construction and improvement of drains/storm water drains;
- Construction/Upgradation of roads, highways/expressways;